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	X				X	X		X		X		X		X										Afghanistan
						s				X		X		X										Albania
					Xc					X		X		X				X		X		X		Algeria
		X																		X		X		Angola
	X		X			X		X		X		X						X						Antigua and Barbuda
	X		X		Xc					X		X		X				X		X		X		Argentina
	X				X	X		X		X		X				X		X		X		X		Australia
	X		X		Xc	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X		Austria
	X					X		X		X		X												Bahamas
																								Bahrain
						X		X		X		X		X										Bangladesh
	X		X			X		X		X		X						X						Barbados
	s				s	X		X		X		X		X				X		X		X		Belgium
					X																			Belize
			X			X														X		X		Benin
																								Bhutan
			X		s	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X		Bolivia
																		X		X		X		Botswana
	X		X		X			X		X		X		X				s		X		X		Brazil
																								Brunei Darussalam
	X					X		X						X										Bulgaria
			X											X						X		X		Burkina Faso
																								Burma, *See* Myanmar
																				X		X		Burundi
	X				X			X		X		X		X										Byelorussian SSR
					X	X		X		X		X		X						X		X		Cameroon
	X				Xc	X		X		X		X		X		X				X		X		Canada
																						X		Cape Verde
			X									X		X						X		X		Central African Republic
																				X		X		Chad
s		s		X																X		X		Chile
				X																X		X		China
s				X		s														X		X		Colombia

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Comoros												
Congo	X	Xa	X		X	X				s	X	X
Costa Rica	X	X	X	s	Xb	X		X		s	X	X
Côte d'Ivoire					X					s	s	
Cuba					X	X	s	X	X		X	X
Cyprus	X	X	s		X		s	X			X	X
Czechoslovakia	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Democratic Kampuchea	s	s			X	X		X			s	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	X	X						X	X			
Democratic Yemen	X	X			X	s	s	X	X		X	X
Denmark	X	Xa	X	s	Xb			X		s	X	X
Djibouti												
Dominica										s	X	X
Dominican Republic	X	X	X		X			s				
Ecuador	X	Xa	X		Xb	X	s	X		s	X	X
Egypt	X	X			X	X	s	X		s	X	X
El Salvador	X	X	s		X	X		X		s	X	s
Equatorial Guinea	X	X	X				X				X	
Ethiopia					X	X	X	X			X	X
Fiji					X			X				X
Finland	X	Xa	X	s	X			X		s	X	X
France	X	X	X		Xb			X		s	X	X
Gabon	X	X			X	X	s	X		s	X	X
Gambia	X	Xa	X		X	X		X	X	s	s	
German Democratic Republic	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Germany, Federal Republic of	X	Xa		s	X			X		s	X	X
Ghana					X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Greece	X				X			X		s	X	X
Grenada					s					s	s	
Guatemala	X				X			X		s	X	X
Guinea	X	X	s		X	X	X		X		X	X

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												Comoros
			X			X	X			X	X	Congo
		s						X	X	X	X	Costa Rica
			X			X				X	X	Côte d'Ivoire
X	X	s	X	X	X	X	X					Cuba
X		s			X	X	X			X	X	Cyprus
X	X	X	X			X	X					Czechoslovakia
						X						Democratic Kampuchea
												Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	X				X							Democratic Yemen
X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X	s	X	X	X	X	Denmark
						X	X			X	X	Djibouti
												Dominica
X	X	s	s			X		s		X	X	Dominican Republic
X		Xc	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	Ecuador
		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	Egypt
						s			s	X	X	El Salvador
										X	X	Equatorial Guinea
					X	X	X			X	X	Ethiopia
X	X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	Fiji
X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	Finland
	s	Xc	X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X	X	France
		s								X	X	Gabon
		s								X	X	Gambia
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					German Democratic Republic
X	X	s	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	Germany, Federal Republic of
X			X			X				X	X	Ghana
	s	Xc	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	Greece
												Grenada
X	X	X	X	X	X	X			s	X	X	Guatemala
s	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	Guinea

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Guinea-Bissau							s			s	X	
Guyana	X	X			X	X	X				X	
Haiti					X	X	s	X		s	X	X
Holy See					X							
Honduras	X	s	s					X			X	
Hungary	X	Xa	X		Xb	X	s	X	X		X	X
Iceland	X	Xa	X		Xb			X		s	X	X
India	X	X			X	X		X	X		s	X
Indonesia							s			s	X	X
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	X	X			X	X	X	X				
Iraq	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	
Ireland	X	Xa	X		s			X			X	X
Israel	s	s			X			X			s	X
Italy	X	Xa	X	s	Xb			X		s	X	X
Jamaica	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		s	X	X
Japan	X	X									X	X
Jordan	X	X			X	s	X	X			s	
Kenya	X	X				s	s		X	s	X	
Kiribati												
Kuwait					X	X						
Lao People's Democratic Republic					X	X		X	X		X	X
Lebanon	X	X			X		s	X		s		X
Lesotho					X	X		X			s	X
Liberia	s	s			X	X	s	X			X	s
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Liechtenstein												
Luxembourg	X	Xa	X	s	X			X			X	X
Madagascar	X	X	X		X	X	s				X	X
Malawi											X	X
Malaysia							s					

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				X																X		X	Guinea-Bissau
																							Guyana
						X						X		X						X		X	Haiti
																		s		X		X	Holy See
																		s					Honduras
X		X		Xc		X		X		X		X		X						X		X	Hungary
X		X		s								X								X		X	Iceland
s						X		X		X		X		X									India
				s																			Indonesia
						s						X		s						X		X	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
						X		X		X		X		X									Iraq
X						X		X		X		X				X		X		X		X	Ireland
X		s		s		X		X		X		X		X		s		X		X		X	Israel
		s		Xc		X		X		X		X		X				X		X		X	Italy
X										X		X								X		X	Jamaica
														X						X		X	Japan
										X		X		X									Jordan
																				X		X	Kenya
																X		X					Kiribati
										X		X		X									Kuwait
												X		X									Lao People's Democratic Republic
						X																	Lebanon
X										X		X		X				X		X		X	Lesotho
X						X		X		X		s		s				X		X		X	Liberia
X				X						X		X		X		X		X					Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
				s														s		X		X	Liechtenstein
X				Xc								X		X				X		X		X	Luxembourg
										X		X								X			Madagascar
X										X		X		X						X		X	Malawi
X												X											Malaysia

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Maldives					X	X	s	X				
Mali	X	X			X	X	X	X		s	X	X
Malta	s				X					s		X
Mauritania					X	X	X			s		X
Mauritius	X	X	X		X						X	X
Mexico	X	X			X	X	X	X	s	s	X	X
Monaco								X				
Mongolia	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X
Morocco	X	X			X		s	X		s		X
Mozambique					X	X		X				
Myanmar								X				
Namibia					X	X						s
Nauru												
Nepal					X	X	X	X		s		X
Netherlands	X	Xa	X		Xb			X		s	s	X
New Zealand	X	Xa	X	X	X			X			X	X
Nicaragua	X	X	X	s	X	X	s	X	X	s	X	X
Niger	X	X	X		X	X	X			s		X
Nigeria					X	X	X		X	s		X
Norway	X	Xa	X	s	Xb			X		s	X	X
Oman						s						
Pakistan					X	X		X				
Panama	X	X	X		X	X	s	X		s	X	
Papua New Guinea					X			X				
Paraguay								s				
Peru	X	Xa	X		Xb	X	X	X		s	X	X
Philippines	X	Xa	X		X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X
Poland	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X
Portugal	X	X	X	s	X					s	X	
Qatar					X	X	X					
Republic of Korea					X			X			X	X
Romania	X	X			X	X		X	X	s	X	
Rwanda	X	X			X	X	s	X	X	s	X	

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												Maldives
X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	Mali
X	X		X	X	X	X				X	X	Malta
			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	Mauritania
	X				X	X						Mauritius
	X		X		X	X	X					Mexico
	X		X		X	X				X		Monaco
					X	X						Mongolia
		s	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	Morocco
			X	X	X					X	X	Mozambique
			X	X	X		s					Myanmar
												Namibia
												Nauru
					X	X						Nepal
X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	Netherlands
	X	Xc	X	X	X	X				X	X	New Zealand
		s	X	X	X	X				X	X	Nicaragua
			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	Niger
		s	X	X	X	X				X	X	Nigeria
	X	Xc	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Norway
												Oman
					X	X	X					Pakistan
		X	s							X	X	Panama
					X					X	X	Papua New Guinea
		s								X	X	Paraguay
						s				X	X	Peru
	X	X			X	X	X		s	X	X	Philippines
X	X	X	X			X	X					Poland
s		Xc	X			X				X	X	Portugal
												Qatar
							X		X			Republic of Korea
X	s			X	X	X	X	X				Romania
			X							X	X	Rwanda

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Saint Kitts and Nevis							X			s	X	
Saint Lucia					X		s				X	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
Samoa												
San Marino	X	X	X									
Sao Tome and Principe						X						
Saudi Arabia								X				
Senegal	X	Xa	X		Xb	X	X	X		s	X	X
Seychelles					X	X						
Sierra Leone					X		s				X	X
Singapore												
Solomon Islands	X				X							X
Somalia	X	X	X		X	X	s					
South Africa												
Spain	X	Xa	X	s	X			X		s	X	X
Sri Lanka	X	Xa			X	X		X		s	X	
Sudan	X	X			X	X	s					
Suriname	X	X	X		X	X				s		
Swaziland					X							X
Sweden	X	Xa	X	s	Xb			X		s	X	X
Switzerland											s	
Syrian Arab Republic	X	X			X	X	X	X				
Thailand											X	X
Togo	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		s	X	
Tonga					X			X				
Trinidad and Tobago	X	X	X		X	X	s				X	X
Tunisia	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X
Turkey					s			X			X	X
Tuvalu												
Uganda	X				X	X	X				X	
Ukrainian SSR	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X

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			X	X	X	X						Saint Kitts and Nevis
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			X	X	X	X						Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
	X									X		Samoa
						X						San Marino
										X	X	Sao Tome and Principe
					X	X						Saudi Arabia
		X	X			X	X			X	X	Senegal
		s								X	X	Seychelles
X		s			X	X				X	X	Sierra Leone
X						X	X					Singapore
			X	X	X	X						Solomon Islands
		X								X	X	Somalia
			X	X	X		X					South Africa
	X	Xc	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	Spain
X	s				X	X	X					Sri Lanka
		s	X		X	X				X	X	Sudan
			X			X				X	X	Suriname
X											X	Swaziland
X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	Sweden
		Xc	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	Switzerland
			X	X	X	X	X					Syrian Arab Republic
												Thailand
		Xc	X			X				X	X	Togo
												Tonga
X	X				X	X			X			Trinidad and Tobago
X	X	Xc			X	X			X	X	X	Tunisia
		Xc	X	X	X	X				X	X	Turkey
										X	X	Tuvalu
X		X			X	X			X	X	X	Uganda
X		X			X	X	X					Ukrainian SSR

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Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X
United Arab Emirates					X	X						
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	X	Xa			X			X			X	X
United Republic of Tanzania	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	X
United States of America	s	s			s			X			s	X
Uruguay	X	X	X	s	Xb		X	X		s	X	s
Vanuatu												
Venezuela	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		s	X	X
Viet Nam	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	
Yemen					X	X		X				
Yugoslavia	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X
Zaire	X	X	X		X	X	s	X			X	X
Zambia	X	X	X		X	X	X				X	X
Zimbabwe							X					
TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES PARTIES	95	90	49	1	129	88	45	102	31	2	102	97
Signatures not followed by ratification	5	5	4	12	6	4	33	3	1	66	16	4

Convention on the Nationality of Married Women (13)	*Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages* (14)	*Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment* (15)	*Slavery Convention of 1926* (16)	*1953 Protocol amending the 1926 Convention* (17)	*Slavery Convention of 1926 as amended* (18)	*Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery* (19)	*Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others* (20)	*Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness* (21)	*Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons* (22)	*Convention relating to the Status of Refugees* (23)	*Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees* (24)	*States*
x		x			x	x	x					Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
												United Arab Emirates
	x	xc[1]	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
x					x	x				x	x	United Republic of Tanzania
	s	s	x	x	x	x					x	United States of America
s		xc	s							x	x	Uruguay
												Vanuatu
x	x	s					x				x	Venezuela
												Viet Nam
							x			x	x	Yemen
x	x	s	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	Yugoslavia
						x				x	x	Zaire
x					x	x			x	x	x	Zambia
										x	x	Zimbabwe
57	36	51	69	57	87	105	60	15	36	102	103	TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES PARTIES
8	8	22	6	0	0	3	5	3	8	0	0	Signatures not followed by ratification

x Ratification, accession, approval, notification or succession, acceptance or definitive signature.

s Signature not yet followed by ratification.

a Declaration recognizing the competence of the Human Rights Committee under article 41 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

b Declaration recognizing the competence of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination under article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

c Declarations recognizing the competence of the Committee against Torture under articles 21 and 22 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

c[1] Declaration under article 21 only.